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From: "Eilperin, Juliet" <juliet.eilperin@washpost.com>
Sent: Wed 11/25/2020 4:53:32 PM (UTC)
To: "Budnik, John P CIV USARMY CEPOA (US)" <john.p.budnik@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] FW_ Washington Post request, r....pdf

From:
To:
Eilperin, Juliet
Budnik, John P CIV USARMY CEPOA (USA)
Subject:
Date:
[Non-DoD Source] FW: Washington Post request, related to Pebble Mine
Wednesday, November 25, 2020 7:53:31 AM
Flagging this for you, thanks.
Juliet

-----Original Message-----From:

Eilperin, Juliet
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Public Affairs POA <Public.Affairs3@usace.army.mil>
Subject: Washington Post request, related to Pebble Mine

Dear All,
Sorry to bother you so close to a holiday, but I understand the Corps may make a final decision on the Pebble permit today. If you issue a decision on this today, can you email me or call my cell, 202-302-3663?

Thanks,

Juliet

-----Original Message-----From:

Public Affairs POA <Public.Affairs3@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 2:17 PM
To: Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
Subject: RE: new Washington Post request, related to Pebble Mine

Greetings Juliet,

Regarding your inquiry, please see the statement below. No media opportunity is planned at this time.

The Corps must make a permit decision compliant with both Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. Identification of the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative is the first step in determining compliance with Section 404. This alternative was disclosed to the public in May.

The Corps partnered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative through a series of factual determinations.

The agencies determined that the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative would cause significant degradation to the Kaktuli River Watershed. The Corps has notified the applicant, Pebble Limited Partnership, of this finding.

The agencies also jointly identified the required compensatory mitigation for the applicant's proposed discharge. The Corps has notified the Pebble Limited Partnership of the required compensatory mitigation. Now, the applicant is responsible for producing a rule-compliant compensatory mitigation plan.

The attached letter was sent to the applicant. It's also posted on our project website at:

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Message-----From:

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Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 9:53 AM

To: Public Affairs POA <Public.Affairs3@usace.army.mil>

Cc: Budnik, John P CIV USARMY CEPOA (US) <John.P.Budnik@usace.army.mil>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] new Washington Post request, related to Pebble Mine

Dear All,

Sorry to bother you on a Saturday afternoon, but we understand the administration has made the decision to halt the federal permit for Pebble Mine. We have a similar understanding to what Politico has just reported, that the Army Corps of Engineers will hold a press conference Monday saying that they have technical problems with one of the key elements of the permit and it will not be granted right away. Shortly afterwards, the president will express his opposition to the mine proposal.

Could you provide a comment on this matter?

Thanks,

Juliet

-----Original Message-----From:

Public Affairs POA <Public.Affairs3@usace.army.mil>

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 1:36 PM

To: Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>

Cc: Budnik, John P CIV USARMY CEPOA (US) <John.P.Budnik@usace.army.mil>

Subject: RE: Washington Post request, related to Pebble Mine and the recent push by some Republicans to oppose it

Importance: High

Greetings Juliet,

I apologize for the delayed response. With regard to your inquiry, please see statement below.

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have received many media inquiries and questions from interested parties relating to the content of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The FEIS is now available for review by any interested party. The District is currently in the deliberative process of making a permit decision. As the FEIS is used to inform that decision, our efforts are focused on completing that decision making process. While doing so, it is inappropriate for us to comment on opinions, to speculate on potential outcomes of our deliberations in response to media inquiries, or to answer technical questions. The Corps' Record of Decision, when complete, will be a publicly available document.

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a side note, I'm out of the office until Tuesday. If you need any further assistance during this period, please reply to the corporate email address used on this message and one of my colleagues will follow up.

Respectfully,

John P. Budnik

Public Affairs Specialist
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Message-----From:

Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 3:15 PM

To: Budnik, John P CIV USARMY CEPOA (US) <John.P.Budnik@usace.army.mil>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Washington Post request, related to Pebble Mine and the recent push by some Republicans to oppose it

Dear John,

I hope this finds you well. I know the 30 days is not yet up since the FEIS was issued, but my colleagues and I are doing a piece on the effort by some Republicans (including former VPOTUS chief of staff Nick Ayers and Donald Trump Jr.) to convince the Trump administration to not issue a federal permit to the mine. As I understand it, the Corps is still negotiating a mitigation plan with Pebble Limited Partnership. However, we also understand that the White House is looking into delaying the Record of Decision as a result of this push from several influential Republicans.

We put a request into the White House, and they referred us to the Corps for comment. So I wanted to see if you could provide one. We plan to publish this tomorrow morning, ET, so if you could get back to me sometime today, I'd appreciate it. My apologies for the late notice, I thought the White House would be able to handle our request. My cell is 202-302-3663 if you need to call.

Best,

Juliet

-----Original Message-----From:

Budnik, John P CIV USARMY CEPOA (US) <John.P.Budnik@usace.army.mil>

Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 4:48 PM

Subject: NEWS RELEASE: 20-016 Corps will use Final Environmental Impact Statement to inform permit decision

CAUTION: EXTERNAL SENDER

Dear Writers & Editors,

Please see the attached news release reiterating that the Corps will use the final environmental impact statement for the proposed Pebble project to inform the agency's permit decision. The content of the release has been copied and pasted below for your convenience.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
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will use Final Environmental Impact Statement to inform permit decision

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Alaska District published the final environmental impact statement for the Pebble

Limited Partnership's application to discharge fill material into waters of the United States for the purpose of developing a copper-molybdenum-gold mine project in the Bristol Bay region of Alaska on July 24.

The Corps reiterates that the final environmental impact statement (EIS) is not a permit decision and does not authorize operation of the mine. The final EIS contains an analysis of Pebble Limited Partnership's preferred alternative along with alternatives to that project. The analysis in the final EIS will be used to determine if Pebble's preferred alternative is permissible under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act. The permit decision will be documented in a record of decision.

The FEIS document is available electronically at the Pebble Project EIS website:

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. Also, the final EIS may be viewed

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